Low export of medical herbal products

*224. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether China exports medicinal herbal products worth $ 5 billion against India's Rs. 200 million;

(b) whether a major share of India's medicinal herbal exports go to China in raw form, where it undergoes value addition and is re-exported; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) As per COMTRADE, ITC/UNCTAD, world imports of plants and parts of plants primarily used for pharmacy, perfumery and insecticides: fresh, dried, powdered-(SITC Code No 2924) amounted to US $ 1.33 billion in 2005. China's total exports under the same category in the year 2005 amounted to US $ 286 million.

As per the statistics collated by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS), Government of India, India's total exports of medicinal plants and products in the year 2005-06 (April-March) amounted to US $ 112 million.

(b) and (c) The export basket of medicinal plants and herbs from India to China consists of raw herbs also, which are used in Chinese system of medicines as well as in development of some formulation of single item. However, Indian export of medicinal plant to China during 2005-06 were only US$ 1.57 million which in no way can be called a major export for India or great source of value added products for China.

Progress made in fencing along Indo-Bangladesh Border

*225. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of progress made in wired fencing along the Indo-Bangladesh border;

(b) whether it is a fact that there could be a possibility of delay in the completion of wired fencing;

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay and possible date of completion;

(d) whether it is also a fact that at several places, the existing fence has been removed and poles have been uprooted; and

(e) if so, the reasons for poor maintenance and the steps being taken to maintain the wired fencing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Out of 3286 km. of fencing sanctioned in two